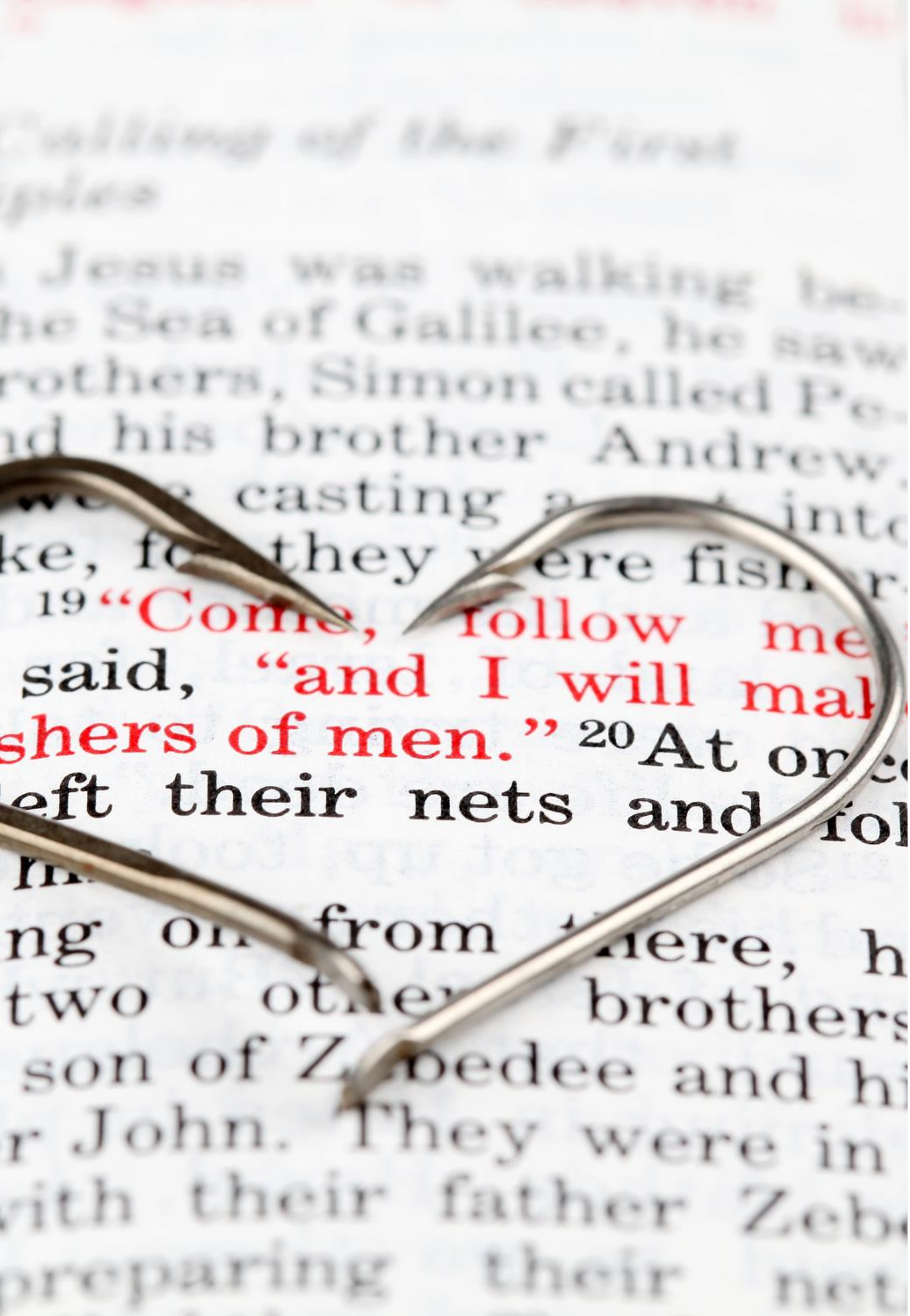


Making Disciples



Objectives:

- To help the participants grasp and understand the vision of Making Disciples
- To provide some content on laying the foundation for spiritual fruitfulness
- To demonstrate through stories how this works in real life



Why is this important?

- Matthew 4:19- Come follow me and I will make you...
- Mark 3:14- He designated – to be with him in word and prayer/fellowship.
- Matthew 28:18-20 A command to obey and keep.
- John 15:16- An expectation- bear fruit
- John 17: 3, 17 The priestly prayer envisages that we will continue His work.
- John 13:34- Great Commandment- Love.



Who is a disciple?

- A disciple is one who has voluntarily and willingly chosen to be a learner, a follower or an imitator of a teacher or an expert they admire.
- The Greek word for disciple – mathetes – means learner, pupil, someone who learns by following (Hull, 1984). The word implies an intellectual process that affects the lifestyle of a person. A disciple is distinct from an elder, even though elders should be disciples. A disciple is not just a church member, and yet church membership is indeed important for disciples.
- Disciples span across categories such as age, interests, spiritual gifts, and theological persuasion. The factory worker, the college professor, and the housewife are all called to discipleship and discipling; it is by no means the exclusive domain of the pastor. Christ wants to use the totality of his body in the discipling process.



Marks of a Disciple

- Jesus was popular (Luke 14:25-33), but He was not looking for crowds. He seemed to want to make it difficult for people to follow Him. He was looking for disciples!
- *How do you know a disciple when you meet one?*
- *What do you look for in the person you want to invest in you?*

“Only a disciple can make disciples...”



Marks of a Disciple...

- Identified with Christ- someone who will openly admit that he belongs to Christ. (Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32, Mark 8:38)
- Obedient to the Word-he is also obedient to the Word of Christ—to the Scriptures. (John 8:31, Matthew 7:24-27, John 14:21, Joshua 1:7). It takes courage to be obedient to the Word of God. B We live in a Christ-rejecting world, and anyone who is going to live in obedience to this Book is going to come into conflict with it. That's how you recognize a disciple. He puts into practice what he's heard.
- Fruitful for Christ-he is bearing fruit in the work of Christ. Two kinds of fruit: Character of Christ (Galatians 5:22-23) and influencing others for Christ (John 15:16). It includes one's whole attitude, outlook, character, and relationship to others.
- Demonstrates Love of Christ- John 13:34-35.

Acts 26

Discipleship begins with an encounter with the risen Christ that leads to a change of course in life and a transformed life.

It involves hearing the Gospel:

- ***The story of what God has done to reconcile man to Himself through the coming, life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.***
- ***It is the good news of the Kingdom of God***
- ***The Hope of a restored relationship that God offers to man through Jesus Christ.***

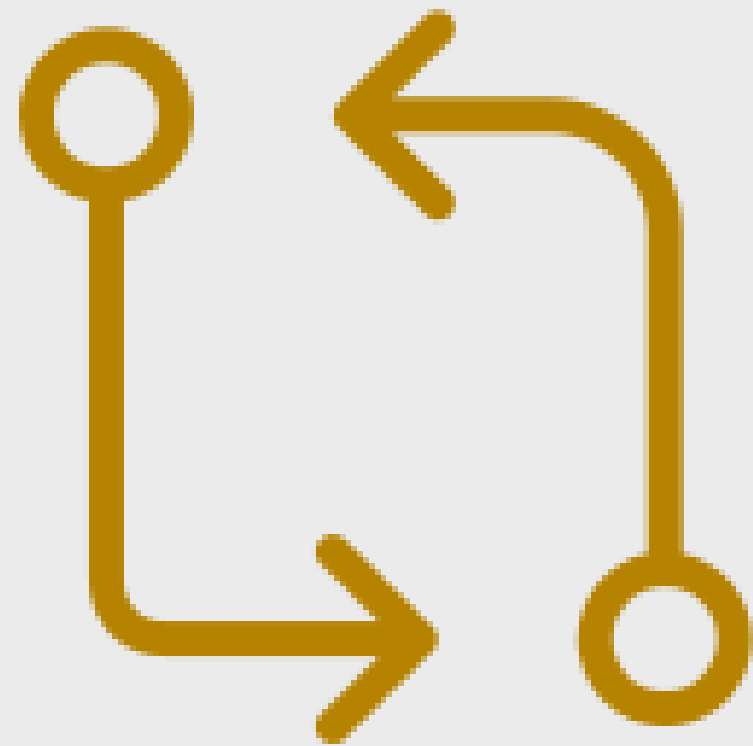
A living Testimony:

- Read Acts 26 and write down your testimony
- Life before you met Christ
- How you met Christ
- How has life been since you met Christ

*“What you recruit them with, is what you recruit them to”
- we recruit with the Gospel to Jesus Christ.*

2 Cor. 4:1-5

Follow Up...



- God desires that those who come to faith in Him grow into maturity
- In follow up we are getting involved in God's task of perfecting His people.
- It is the only way we can avoid having "stunted Christians" or "those who keep getting saved"
- It is spiritual Pediatrics
- God requires that they grow to make Him Known and Help others do likewise.

What will It cost ME?



- Good follow-up includes meeting a new Christian's many needs and helping him learn to meet his needs on his own.
- A new Christian needs personal, individual attention.
- Your example in living for Christ will set the pace for the new believer you are following up.
- Your main follow-up tool is the Bible.
- Your goal for the new believer is Christlike maturity that bears up under the strain of everyday life. Good follow-up will cost you something in time and prayer.





Goals in Follow-Up:

- A stable belief in and understanding of the Scriptures as the basis of faith and the standard for life.
- The wisdom to discern between good and evil.
- The capacity for spiritual reproduction—knowing how to help others come to Christ and to grow in their faith.

Questions on a EVERY Believer's Mind

- 1. Am I totally forgiven just because I believe in Christ?*
- 2. Can getting to heaven be that simple?*
- 3. Does God really hear me when I pray? Will he answer me?*
- 4. How can I ever overcome this sin? I've sinned—blown it again. Am I no longer a Christian?*
- 5. How can I do God's will in my life? Will he show me what to do?*

They Need Assurance:

Assurance of Salvation

[1 John 5:9-12](#).

- "And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life."

Assurance of Answered Prayer

- "Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete" ([John 16:24](#)).

Assurance of Victory

"No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it" ([1 Cor. 10:13](#)).

Assurance of Forgiveness

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" ([1 John 1:9](#)).

Assurance of Guidance

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight" ([Proverbs 3:5-6](#)).

Let us Obey...

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Matthew 28:18-20

- Jesus commands us to be His disciples and to go out and make disciples



Jesus the Disciplemaker:

- When we look at Jesus ministry as a Disciplemaker, we see 4 stages



John 1:35 - 42

35 The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. **36** When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

37 When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. **38** Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?”

They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

39 “Come,” he replied, “and you will see.”

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

40 Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. **41** The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). **42** And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which, when translated, is Peter^g).

Matthew 4:18-22

18 As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. **19** “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” **20** At once they left their nets and followed him. **21** Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, **22** and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.



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Mark 4:35-41

- 35** That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side."**36** Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along in the boat just as he was. There were also other boats with him. **37** A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so it was nearly swamped. **38** Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"
- 39** He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.
- 40** He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"
- 41** They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"



John 15:1-5

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. **2** He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. **3** You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. **4** Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine.

Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

5 “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me, you can do nothing.



Who are you investing in?

2 Timothy 2:1-8

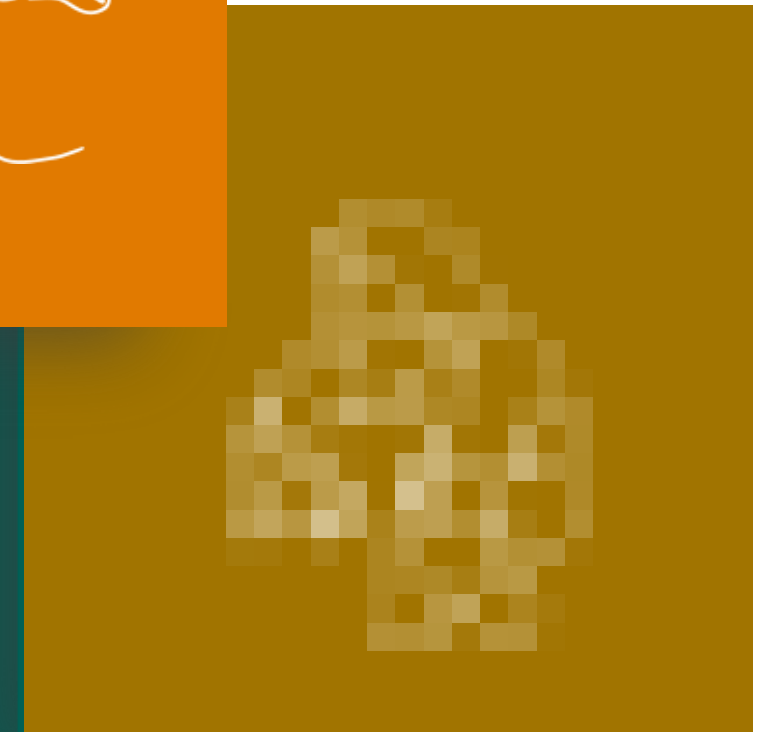
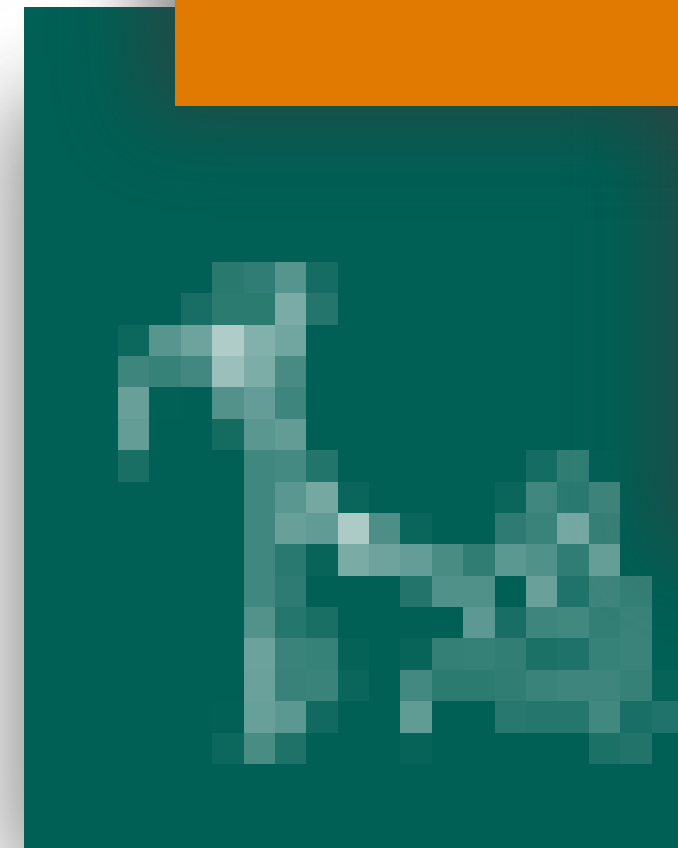
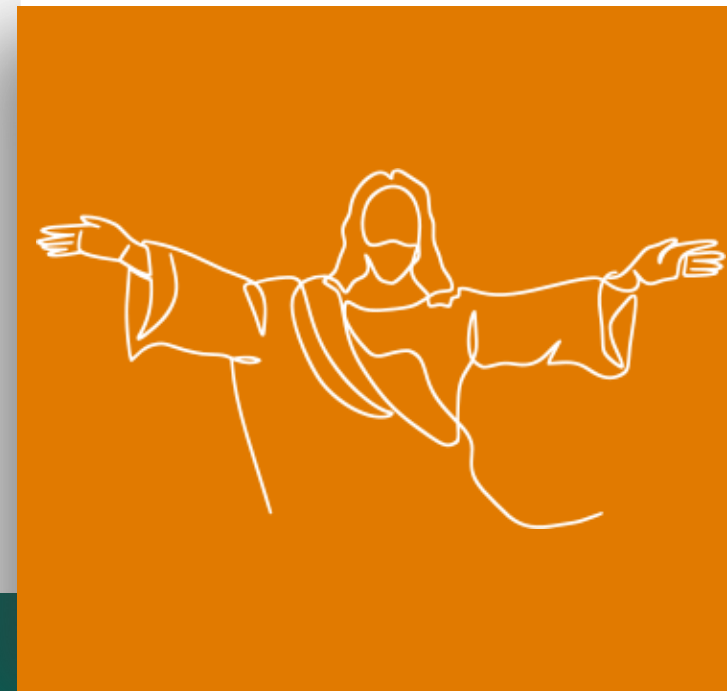
You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. **2** And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. **3** Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. **4** No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer. **5** Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor's crown except by competing according to the rules. **6** The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. **7** Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this.

8 Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel,

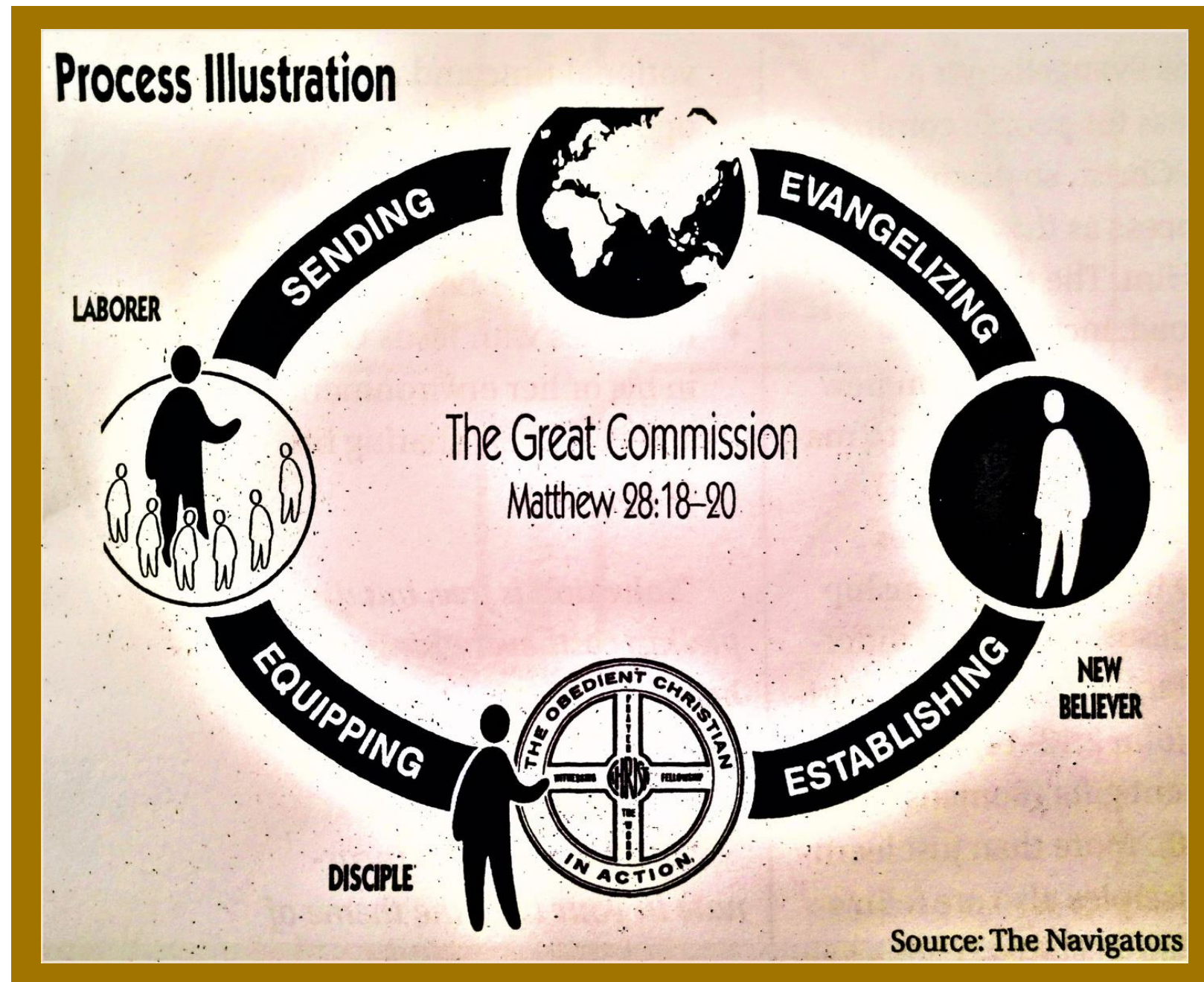
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Matthew 9:35-38

35 Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. **36** When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. **37** Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. **38** Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”



Reaching the World through discipleship:





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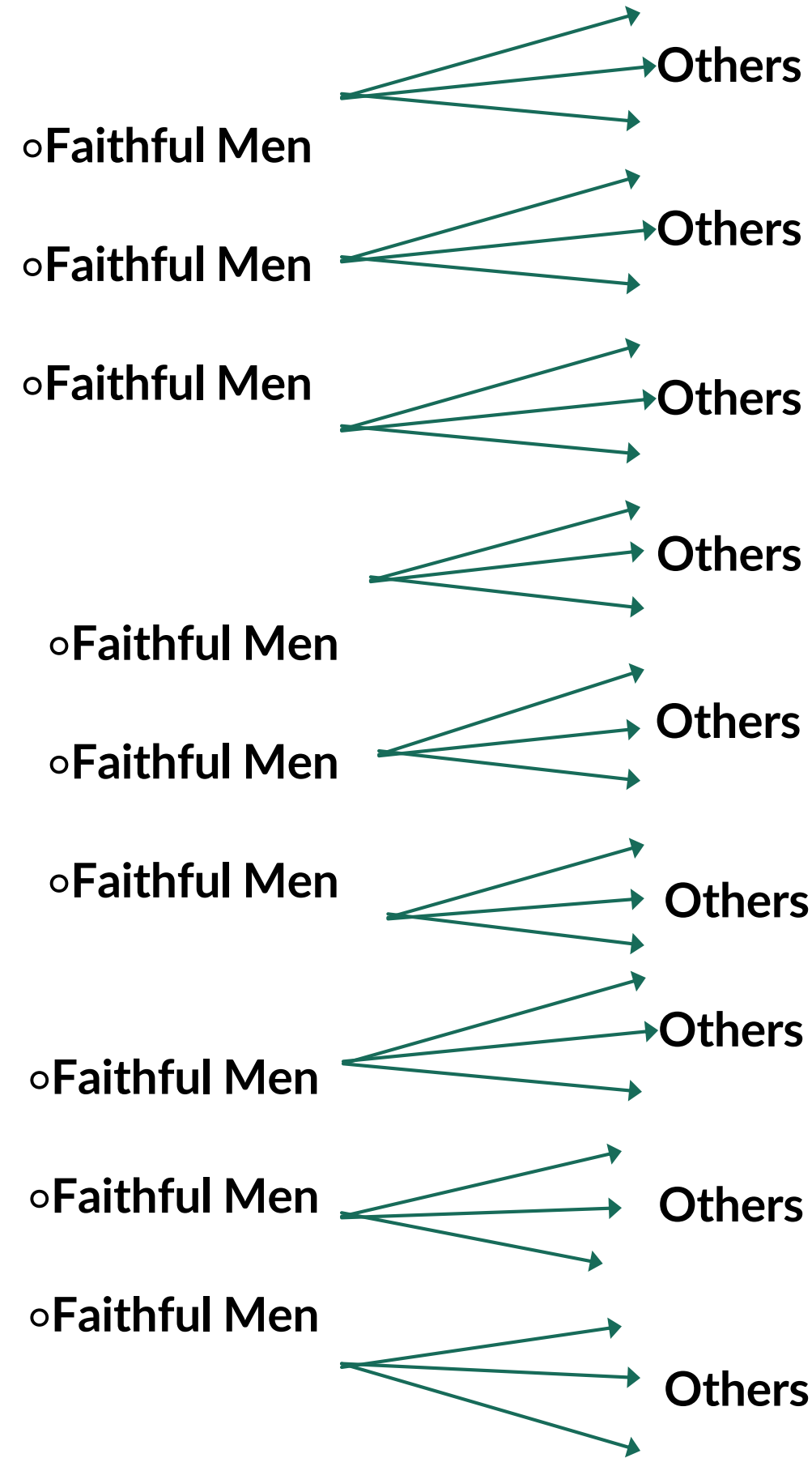
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